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Gleanings  
For The Hungry  
*A Ministry of Youth With A Mission*

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## FRUIT CUTTING AND TRAIL MIX

Every year, one to two weeks are set aside to create a trail mix from various donated ingredients. First, the donated dry fruit must be diced by machine. The dicing machine came from Foodlogistik; one of their representatives came for a day, helping us plow through the work quickly. The diced fruit was then used to complete a nutritious trail mix, along with ingredients such as almonds and raisins. Once packed, the trail mix filled 35 pallets and amounted to approximately 34,000 lbs.



After two years of faithful commitment, our dear friend Cierra has returned to her home in Santa Cruz. Cierra is now taking time to rest and seek the Lord as He prepares her for whatever He has in store next. Thank you, Cierra, for being part of our community, serving God with us.

## Farewell TO A Friend

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God  
**Romans** in Christ Jesus  
8:38-39 our Lord.

Looking for something new this summer?

We're looking for dedicated young people with a heart ready to serve!  
Fruit season runs May 29th to September 2nd.



## SUMMER STAFF

Ages: turning 18 this year to 25  
Cost: \$100 a month.

We ask for a minimum commitment of 4 weeks.  
Applications can be found at [gleanings.org](http://gleanings.org).

## Polishing Up the Peach Plant

As summer draws ever closer, the peach plant is undergoing quite a few improvements. The entire plant has been thoroughly pressure-washed and painting has begun on the machinery, stairs, and catwalks. Further improvements to be made include resurfacing the concrete with a non-slip epoxy to repair damaged areas.





# CUBA

## *God's timing is perfect.*

While *Gleanings'* soup mix was headed toward Havana, Cuba, three containers of 85,000 Bibles were also en route, both arriving in close conjunction. Together, the food and the Bibles have been given to over 9,000 people in the western provinces. For many, this is the first time they have owned a copy of God's word.



One man shared a bit of his story, which started three years ago. The town in which he and his family live receives mail by airdrop. One day a bundled package fell on his leg, causing several breaks. In spite of multiple operations, walking is still out of the question. Even though he collects some income through a medical certificate, it is not enough to support his wife and children. When the food and the Bible arrived, he knew they were a gift from God. The family is very grateful.

Another recipient is amazed at the practicality of the food. Having received a colostomy, the choices of consumable food are very limited. While at first doubtful the food would work, joy soon came when it was found that the food was both well tolerated and promoted health.

The third testimony we received is vague, due to translation, but it tells of a parent recently discharged from the hospital. Dealing with a respiratory disease, he didn't know how he would feed his daughter. Almost immediately, the pastor of a local church (which helped distribute the food) came to their door, food and Bible in hand.

In each case, those blessed by the soup and Bibles gave all the glory to God.

**DIRECTOR'S  
CORNER**

For a year now we have served a Monday night meal of only rice and beans at our dining hall. Our hope is to identify with the people and ministries who are receiving and serving our food. Being aware of the conditions of many in poverty, and the desire to help, motivates us to pray and seek ways to feed more people. As the shipments go out we acquire more new requests for food than we can fulfill. We are very concerned about the refugees in Greece and are looking at possibly sending food and outreach teams from several YWAM locations to help with the physical needs, but also bring the Gospel. I believe this is an amazing opportunity for the body of Christ to reach these people who have gone through so much. Would you pray with us to embrace the call to go, and to reach these people with the hope of Jesus. Please feel free to call or email us if you have contacts or teams who are going or if want to go! If the Lord would put it on your heart to support a team or help finance a container to go to Greece, let me know, or send a donation to Gleanings with a note "for Greece".

Thank you for your good works, your prayers and gifts.

May God bless you,

*Fritz*